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JUMP SMARTER

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Welcome to *JUMP Smarter*, the OPI online assessment newsletter. *JUMP Smarter* is published up to and throughout the Smarter Balanced Field Test window which ends May 30, 2014. *JUMP Smarter* includes updates and links to resources related to the Practice, Training, and Field Tests.

- **Over 3 Million Consortium Students Have Completed the Smarter Field Test.**
- **Over 70,000 Montana Students Have Completed the Smarter Field Test.**
- **Montana Smarter Field Test Window Ends on Friday, May 30, 2014**
- **New on the OPI Smarter Field Test Website:**

Featured Projects (Located Above Administration)

Two new optional surveys

Achievement Level Setting Panel Information



OPI Information Central

OPI Smarter Practice, Training, and Field Test Information

- **Go to Assessment (MontCAS) page**
<http://opi.mt.gov/Curriculum/MontCAS/index.html>
- **Click OPI SBAC Field Test Information**



Featured Projects—New Documents and Information Posted

Optional Surveys

Field Test Scheduling

General questions for system and school test coordinators on when testing occurred

Student Survey

- Can be used as a classroom activity (especially for lower grades) with teachers and group answers submitted or by individual students.
- Many thanks to a busy group of Montana educators for help designing the survey.

Achievement Level Setting Process

Following the conclusion of the Field Test, Smarter Balanced will analyze the performance of more than 20,000 test items and performance tasks. This information will inform the setting of threshold test scores that separate the four performance levels on the assessments. The process for setting the achievement levels (often referred to as “standard setting”) includes:

1. An Online Panel
 - Open to the public
 - Panelists will recommend an achievement level score that demonstrates how much students should know or be able to do in order to be proficient at the grade-level standards and progressing toward college and career readiness.
 - Window: October 6-17, 2014—2 days within the window
 - It will take panelists up to 3 hours to complete the orientation process, review test questions, and recommend a score for Achievement Level 3 (in Montana, Level 3 is proficient and above).
 - On the registration site, you will be asked to choose the grade and content area (English language arts/literacy or mathematics) and grade in which you want to participate. You will provide an email address, role, and demographic information. You will then be asked to verify your email and select 2 days within the window for participation.
 - **Registrations must be submitted online by September 19 [here](#):**
 - FAQ link is posted on the OPI Field Test Website.
2. An In-Person Workshop
 - Over 500 panelists from Smarter Balanced Governing States
 - Panelists will review the difficulty of questions and define what students performing at each of four Achievement Levels can reasonably be expected to answer correctly at each grade level.
 - By May 23, 2014, in consultation with Montana professional educator content organizations, OPI will nominate Montana educators, including alternates.
 - Window: October 13–19, 2014—3 days within the window at a location to be determined. Selected panelists will each participate for three days of a panel with two more days for travel expected.

3. A Vertical Articulation Committee, using a variety of information sources including recommendations from the In-Person and Online Panels and external assessment information, will recommend levels to the State Superintendents of Governing States to vote upon.

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